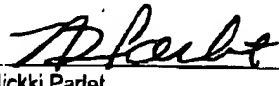


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REMARKS

The Inventors are filing a RCE in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2002. Claims 18, 19, 22 and 25 have been allowed in the Final Office Action. Claims 11-17 and 27 have been cancelled. In this amendment, the Inventors have added claims 28 - 33. Support for the new claims to the ratio of digestible glucose polymer to fructose may be found on page 8, lines 29 through 32.

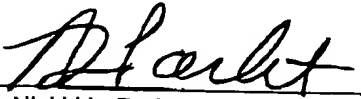
Claims 12 and 13 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled with this response, thereby rendering this objection moot.

Claims 11-17 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. Claims 11-17 and 27 have been cancelled with this response, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 11-17 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Paul et al. ('538) in view of Kaufman ('921). Claims 11-17 and 27 have been cancelled with this response, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

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